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FOLLOWING IS DR. SCHILLING'S REPLY TO REFTTEL IN SAME ORDER
INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED.

1. THE LOCATION OF OUR LINE PROFILES ARE SHOWN IN A
SEPARATE CHART WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU SEPARATELY
WITH A COPY OF THIS LETTER-TELEGRAM.
2. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE COPIES OF SEISMIC
REFLECTION DATA, AS WELL AS MAGNETIC DATA OBTAINED DURING
THE CRUISE. NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT NO REFRACTION DATA WILL
BE TAKEN DURING THIS CRUISE. WE ARE NOT EQUIPPED FOR SUCH
MEASUREMENTS.
3. WE REGRET TO LEARN THAT SOME MISUNDERSTANDING CON-
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CERNING SAMPLE DONATION REMAINS. THE SITUATION CONCERNING

MY PREVIOUS COMMITMENT TOWARDS THE RESEARCH COUNCIL AND
SCIENTISTS FROM ICELAND WERE REVIEWED IN MY JAN. 22, 1975
(PARAGRAPH 2) ADDRESSED TO THE COUNCIL. WE DID NOT
RECEIVE ANY REPLY TO THIS LETTER. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT
MY COMMITMENTS TOWARDS THE RESEARCH COUNCIL WERE TO

PROVIDE SAMPLES FROM OUR CRUISE TR139 TO THE MUSEUM, AND SAMPLES FROM OUR CRUISE TR101 TO DR. SIGURDUR STEIN-THORSSON AND DR. SWEINN JAKOBSSON. DR. SIGURDUR STEIN-THORSSON'S FEB. 2, 1975 REPLY TO THE MATTER INDICATES THAT HE NO LONGER HAD ANY PLAN OF STUDYING TR101 SAMPLES AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED. A COPY OF HIS REPLY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL SEPARATELY. FINALLY, WE CANNOT FIND IN OUR RECORDS ANY REPLY FROM THE DR. SWEINN JAKOBSSON CONCERNING OUR PROPOSAL FOR TR101 SAMPLES IF WE WERE TO DONATE THESE SAMPLES TO THE MUSEUM, AS I HAD SUGGESTED IN MY JAN. 22, 1975 LETTER TO THE RESEARCH COUNCIL. AS A RESULT NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN AS I THOUGHT THE MATTER WAS CLOSED. IF THE MUSEUM STILL WISHES SAMPLES FROM R/V TRIDENT 101 CRUISE TAKEN ON THE SW ICELAND SHELF, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THEM.

4A. OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO DREDGE VOLCANIC OUTCROPS ALONG THE REYKJANES RIDGE AXIS AND ITS EXTENSION ON THE SW ICELAND SHELF, TO COMPLEMENT THE TR101 COLLECTION. ONLY SHORT MAGNETIC AND REFLECTION PROFILES WILL BE TAKEN FOR LOCATING OUTCROPS. THE SAMPLES ARE FOR PETROLOGICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL PURPOSES. MAGNETIC, SEISMIC REFLECTION, GRAVITY AND HEAT FLUX DENSITY MEASUREMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY R/V METEOR ARE FOR GEOPHYSICAL PURPOSES. WE DO NOT SEE ANY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

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4B. CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING OUR CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR R/V ENDEAVOR CRUISE EN026 WILL BE CLARIFIED IN A SEPARATE LETTER BY MY DIRECTOR, DR. J. A. KNAUSS, PROVOST OF MARINE AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND. (FYI: DEPT WOULD ADD TO THIS THAT INFORMATION ON CRUISE WAS PROVIDED TO EMBASSY IN JANUARY AND THAT EMBASSY DISCUSSED CRUISE WITH OLAFUR EGILSSON ON 16 FEB AT WHICH TIME ICELANDERS WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. ALTHOUGH AN OFFICIAL CLEARANCE REQUEST WAS NOT MADE UNTIL JUNE, THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL APPARENTLY WAS AWARE OF RESEARCH CRUISE. END FYI.)

4C. WE ARE ALSO CONTACTING BY TELEPHONE DR. GUDMUNDUR PALMASON FOR CONSULTATION, AS YOU SUGGESTED.

FINALLY, PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL CONCERNING PUBLICATIONS AND WILL BE HAPPY TO COMPLY AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

I TRUST THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL MEET YOUR APPROVAL.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REPORT IF LETTER FROM
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL CONSTITUTES OFFICIAL APPROVAL
OR IF FURTHER NOTIFICATION FROM MFA IS REQUIRED.
DOCUMENTATION OR SERIAL NUMBER OF CORRESPONDENCE TRANS-
MITTING APPROVAL IS REQUESTED. CHRISTOPHER

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